

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM



DIALOGUE DATE	Monday, 29 August 2022 09:00 GMT -05:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Increasing Nutritious and Affordable Food Access Webinar
CONVENED BY	Ertharin Cousin
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	Region/City Chicago
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://goodfooddialogues.com/dialogue/51907/

The outcomes from the Dialogues will be of use in developing the pathway to a healthier and hunger-free America. Each Dialogue will contribute in three distinct ways:

- Direct submission to the White House in advance of the Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health (for events and feedback received prior to the July 15th deadline)
- Published as public facing and searchable documents on the Good Food Dialogues website
- Rolled into a final report that synthesizes the feedback, ideas, and challenges shared throughout all the Good Food Dialogues. This report will not only be submitted to the White House but will also be used to inform a movement for change well beyond the White House Conference.

1. PARTICIPATION

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

68

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0 0-18 1 19-30 0 31-50 0 51-65 0 66-80 0 80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

0 Male 1 Female 0 Non-binary 0 Prefer not to say or Other

PARTICIPATION BY RACE

0 American Indian or Alaska Native 0 Asian
0 Black or African American 0 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
0 White

PARTICIPATION BY ETHNICITY

0 Hispanic or Latino 0 Not Hispanic or Latino

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

0 Academia/education 0 Agriculture 0 Economic empowerment
0 Environment and ecology 0 Finance 0 Food consumer
0 Food distributor 0 Food production 0 Food processing
0 Food retail 0 Government 0 Healthcare
0 Health insurance 0 Hunger 0 Livestock
0 Nutrition 0 Public Policy 1 Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

0 Academic/Expert 0 Advocate
0 Corporation 0 Community Organization
0 Direct Service Provider 0 Farmer/Food Producer
0 Financial Institution 0 Impacted Individual
0 Logistics provider 1 Non-Profit
0 Policy Maker (current/former) 0 Small business
0 Student 0 Supplier
0 Other

2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

HOW DID YOU ORGANIZE THE DIALOGUE SO THAT THE PRINCIPLES WERE INCORPORATED, REINFORCED AND ENHANCED?

The Dialogue incorporated the Principles of Engagement beginning with those who were invited to be panelists and those who were invited to attend, it was important that we emphasized inclusivity and diversity to ensure that this was a full, honest, unbiased conversation. The Principles were also reinforced throughout the entirety of the Dialogue with the assistance of our Host and Moderator.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

This webinar centered the Principles of Engagement by focusing on complimenting the work of others, embracing multi-stakeholder inclusivity, and being respectful. There were several community leaders, organizers, and stakeholders who engaged in this Dialogue. Throughout the session, the panelists were able to highlight each other's work and discuss how they fill in gaps on a local, state, and federal level. Having panelists with different backgrounds, perspectives, and frameworks created a Dialogue that indubitably compliments the work of others, embraces diversity and inclusivity, and respect in order to host an effective conversation.

DO YOU HAVE ADVICE FOR OTHER DIALOGUE CONVENORS ABOUT APPRECIATING THE PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT?

We would advise other Dialogue Convenors to prioritize the Principles of Engagement as they set the tone for the entire Dialogue. Precursing the Dialogue with Respect, Urgency, Trust, Complimenting the work of others, and Inclusivity allows for honest, concise, and robust feedback from all participants.

3. METHOD

The outcomes of a Dialogue are influenced by the method that is used.

DID YOU USE THE SAME METHOD AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CONVENORS REFERENCE MANUAL?

Yes

No

4. DIALOGUE FOCUS & OUTCOMES

MAJOR FOCUS

The major focus of this Dialogue was to highlight the challenges that organizations are facing as they address and lead efforts to serve underserved communities through nutrition. The second major focus was to address practical, achievable solutions to respond to these challenges.

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- 4. Support physical activity for all
- 5. Enhance nutrition and food security research

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MAIN FINDINGS

The White House Conference is just the beginning of the work that must be done to ensure that all people have access to affordable, nutritious food in their communities. Panelists also questioned how we create new formats that provide people in underserved communities to purchase food in their communities. Ultimately, panelists settled on several recommendations: Investing in agribusinesses that have the capacity to serve these communities so that they have unlimited longevity and ability to scale their businesses, food access and affordability is not a Black or Brown issue, it's a poor people's issue, and there is insufficient quality data and information on these underserved communities which makes it difficult to respond accurately and adequately.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 1/5

Food excess and food waste are rampant and access to high-quality food is not considered a human right.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 2/5

The biggest obstacle to fixing food deserts is the lack of political and corporate will to address the situation. It hasn't been a priority for republicans or democrats. It's changing and the Biden Administration's upcoming Conference is a positive change. We need to modernize our approach and evolve from the original investments in SNAP, WIC, school lunch, and school breakfast.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 3/5

American culture doesn't make it easy for people to consume more fruits and vegetables. Nancy Roman introduced "Veggies Early and Often" a program that teaches pediatricians in underserved communities how to talk to mothers about how important this is.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 4/5

Community-owned food enterprises (co-ops) are key - convincing Walmart or Jewel to come to a community creates a cycle of corporate entities coming into communities and extracting profits which perpetuates the problem.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 5/5

Affordable plant-forward meal kits that prioritize healthy eating for families without spare time to prepare meals at home.

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

In the Black Sovereignty Movement, they've stopped using the term 'food deserts' as the term made the current stance of underserved communities appear as though their lack of access is a naturally occurring phenomenon when the disparities in who has access to quality food were very intentional.

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ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

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- **Mari Gallagher Research & Consulting Group**
<https://www.marigallagher.com/>
- **Partnership for a Healthier America**
<https://www.ahealthieramerica.org/>
- **Yellow Banana**
<https://yellow-banana.com/>
- **Detroit Black Community Food Security Network**
<https://www.dbcfsn.org/>